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1. ON ITS FRONT PAGE, AL-SAHAFI REPORTED, "EGYPTIAN VP HUSSEIN AL-SHAF'EE ACCUSED U.S. AND SOVIET UNION OF CONSPIRACY AGAINST ARAB NATIONS IN 1967. IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH LEBANESE MAGAZINE AL-HAWADITH, SHAF'EE SAID DEFEAT IN 1967 WAS CAUSED BY INTERNAL BETRAYAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY IN WHICH SOVIET UNION AND U.S. PARTICIPATED."

2. AL-SAHAFI'S FOREIGN NEWS PAGE HEADLINES: "AMERICA ANNOUNCES ITS SUPPORT OF WALDHEIM MISSION IN M.E. ... BRITAIN OPPOSES U.S. ATTITUDE IN SECURITY COUNCIL." AL-SAHAFI SAID, "IN SPEECH DELIVERED AT ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY, EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT SAID EGYPT FACES AMERICAN VETO WITH QUIET AND COLD FEELINGS. BY USING
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VETO AGAINST DRAFT RESOLUTION OF NON-COMMITTED NATIONS, AMERICA AIMED AT COMPELLING ARABS TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL."

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3. AL-SAHAFI SUBHEADS: "U.S. AND JAPAN AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENT."

4. AL-SAHAFI REPORTED, "U.S. CONGRESS HAS AGREED ON 1974 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGET AND SUBMITTED IT TO U.S. SENATE. ISRAEL WILL GET \$350 MILLION AS MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THIS BUDGET, BUT DEMOCRATIC VIETNAM WILL GET NOTHING, BECAUSE GOVERNMENT DID NOT INCLUDE IT IN BUDGET." THOMPSON

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